

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated July 14, 2004, the Examiner held that newly submitted claims 34-67 are directed to inventions that are independent or distinct from the originally presented claims. Accordingly, the Examiner indicated that a restriction requirement was proper.

Applicant hereby elects claims 1-33 corresponding to Invention I for examination at this time. Claims 34-67 corresponding to Invention II are therefore withdrawn from consideration without prejudice.

Elected and re-presented claims 1-33 of Invention I are currently amended to more particularly point out the patentable features of the present invention. Applicants respectfully submit that the currently amended claims are patentably distinct over the cited prior art and earnestly request allowance of all claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections, allowance, and early passage through issuance. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's agent listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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